

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. There is a tendency* to _____ politicians from keeping campaign promises.
2. A _____ of such a blunder* could be disastrous.*
3. The guide* was compelled* to admit he had _____ far from the intended route.
4. A miserly* person cannot _____ the joy of sharing.
5. Though doctors _____ to cure the undernourished* child, he never regained his full health.
6. Three workers were _____ when the ladder collapsed.*
7. The policeman was _____ for his bravery in capturing the armed outlaw.*
8. The perfect attendance of our class illustrated* the importance of this _____ exam.
9. Friend and foe united* in _____ the death of the leader, for she was respected by all.
10. The drowning man's cries were uttered* in _____, because no one was near to hear them.
11. Miguel's fever _____ after he took the medicine.
12. My brother was in such a _____ over the tragedy* that he could hardly respond* to questions.

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Matching. Match the 12 new words in Column I with the definitions in Column II.

Column I	Column II
_____ 1. comprehend	a. grieve
_____ 2. repetition	b. hard work
_____ 3. exempt	c. sink to a lower level
_____ 4. vain	d. coming last
_____ 5. commend	e. stupid mistake
_____ 6. maim	f. act of doing or saying again
_____ 7. toil	g. praise
_____ 8. final	h. make free from
_____ 9. blunder	i. understand
_____ 10. mourn	j. disable; cripple
_____ 11. daze	k. confuse
_____ 12. subside	l. having too much pride in one's ability, looks, etc.

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Spotlight on: **maim**—When you buy a car, read the insurance policy carefully. Insurance companies don't use words like *maim* carelessly, because this word has a very specific meaning. *Maim* suggests the loss or destruction of an arm or leg or both; to be *maimed* a person would have to suffer permanent injury. Would the insurance company use the word *mutilate*?